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TO : Chief, Contact Division
Attn: [illegible] Branch

DATE: 22 [illegible]

FROM : Chief, Detroit Office

SUBJECT: Interview With Wilbur Gee, Seaman Patient at USPHS Hospital, Detroit

1. Wilbur Gee, born at Whitehouse, N.Y., [illegible], called the Detroit Field Office on the afternoon of [illegible] Aug [illegible] and requested an interview. He said he had information he thought "would help us". In response to his request, a [illegible] called on him the [illegible] afternoon at the hospital.

2. Physically, Gee gave the appearance of having been down on his luck for [illegible]. He is married to a Venezuelan citizen, and his wife and two children live in Maracaibo. He is a [illegible] operator by profession. [illegible] his ship [illegible] in Cleveland on or about [illegible] August, and has been at the Detroit USPHS Hospital since that date. He carries passport no. [illegible], re-validated at Maracaibo, Venezuela on 17 Jul 59. Gee has a sister-in-law, Anna [illegible], whom he describes as a [illegible] newspaperwoman of Maracaibo, and [illegible] of Accion Democratica. The following is the gist of what he said in the course of the two and a half hour interview.

3. Communist-backed Anti-Somoza Movement: Through his sister-in-law, Gee met in 195[illegible] a [illegible] newspaperman by the name of Pena, a reporter for the Diario [illegible] Occidente of Maracaibo. Pena introduced him to people connected with an anti-Somoza movement, comprised mainly of Nicaraguan exiles in Venezuela. Gee makes the [illegible] that they would have employed him, but he found out the movement was backed by the Communist Party of Venezuela, and so he dropped them.

4. Shortly after his meeting with the anti-Somocistas, Gee came in contact with a Professor [illegible], Director of the Colegio Jose Marti, and head of the [illegible] July Movement in Maracaibo. [illegible] was under the impression that Gee was an airplane pilot, and expressed an interest in using him to run arms into Cuba, to supply the Castro forces. This was prior to the Batista overthrow of January 1959.

5. Gee took a job in Miami, working on contract on a dredging operation. In Miami in July 1959, he met a man [illegible], who introduced him to [illegible], leader of an anti-Castro group. [illegible] took Gee into the group and told him he would like to employ him when his job on the dredging operation [illegible]. [illegible], according to Gee, was the [illegible] and dispatched the [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible], and [illegible]. All of them were caught [illegible] after [illegible] in Cuba. Gee [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] three, but a [illegible] of the [illegible] Gee unavailable. [illegible], however, [illegible] Gee [illegible] would be sent in with the "[illegible]" and [illegible] arrived there, he [illegible] contact the "[illegible]" [illegible]

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6. Gee's opinion of [illegible] Rodriguez [illegible]. He [illegible] Rodriguez [illegible] an [illegible], who is only [illegible] in the anti-Castro movement for the money he can get out of it. Rodriguez told Gee he [illegible] a brother in Cuba [illegible]. He also volunteered to Gee that he was a member of the group who attacked the Cuban Consul in the Consulate in Miami, [illegible] word [illegible] received that Marco, Fuller and [illegible] were [illegible] executed. [illegible] "[illegible]".

7. When Gee [illegible] and he was finally available to enter the Masferrer group full time, he met a fellow by the name of [illegible], in the company of [illegible] and [illegible] Masferrer. [illegible] and [illegible] with a much more pronounced limp than [illegible]. Harry had an office in the same building as the Cuban Consulate, and seemed to act as a [illegible] for Masferrer, as well as a procurer of weapons on a small scale. Harry apparently had serious character flaws, [illegible] he swindled two of the members of the Masferrer militia out of $[illegible] each on the pretext of taking their checks from home to have them cashed for them.

8. Murder of Russ Masker: When Masferrer started actively recruiting Americans [illegible] he did not make any effort to check them out. Among them were Russ [illegible], who claimed to be an [illegible] formerly in the service of Castro. One night Gee was in a bar next to the Masferrer task force's barracks at [illegible] West with Masker, Juan (also known as El [illegible]) and a former member of the Castro secret police, whom he could not name. There were many other Cubans and Americans as well. Juan was a Portuguese who claimed to have entered the US illegally at Key West after jumping the Havana-Key West Ferry. His nickname derived from his musical talents. He also claimed to have had no military experience, but he proved so adept at military tactics that he later became second in command of the task force. The former Castro secret policeman was in his early 20's, about six feet tall, husky build and claimed to have been a schoolteacher. In the course of the evening at the bar, one of the three - Masker, Juan, or the ex-secret policeman - made the remark that, on the occasion of their landing in Cuba, they should break away from the Masferrer group and try to join up with some other. Gee overheard the remark and reported it to the task force leader, though he said he could not identify which of the three had made it. The ex-secret policeman was thereupon thrown out of the task force, but Masker was also strongly suspected of being the author of the dissident remark. As a result of this suspicion, Masker was not allowed to take any firearms with him when the group went into training on No-Name Key. Gee, however, was allowed to take a .22 pistol. Besides Gee's weapon, the only other firearms at No-Name initially were a 12-gauge shotgun and a .22 rifle. Masker was unable to keep up with the rigorous physical training schedule of the group, and so absented himself from that part of the training. Masker adopted the habit of rising early in the morning and going out to hunt in the woods, having managed somehow to appropriate the .22 rifle. Because of his get-[illegible] attitude toward the training, plus the suspicion that surrounded him as the possible author of the dissident remark in the Miami bar, an acute bitterness grew between him and the group leader at No-Name, Lago, also known as Big [illegible]. Lago was a former Batista police sergeant who had been tried and condemned to death in absentia. Lago proposed shooting it out with Masker, but Masker declined the invitation. Masferrer visited No-Name once in the company of [illegible] ---, an ex-G.I. who had served in Korea. Masferrer brought with him a .45 service automatic and a Garand rifle. These guns were left by Masferrer, upon his departure the next day, in the custody of [illegible] Companera, who had been a PW man in Batista's army and claimed to have killed [illegible]. Companera was married to an American [illegible] who lived in Miami. Masker arose early one morning and went hunting, according to his custom. About breakfast time, the men in the camp heard shots, and then [illegible]

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[illegible] found lying partly in a small pool where he had apparently [illegible]. [illegible] police [illegible]. Masferrer [illegible] told police [illegible] [illegible], and no further investigation was made.

9. Bill Bishop and CIA Contacts: About two days after [illegible], the group received word from Masferrer that they had to leave No-Name, [illegible]. They went to Little Pine Key. [illegible] Bill Bishop was sent out to take charge of them there. They spent about one week at Little Pine with no supplies whatever, and then returned to Miami. Bishop impressed the group as being a psycho, and no one would take orders from him. He left the Masferrer group after the return to Miami, but shortly thereafter contacted [illegible] and asked him to join him in his [illegible] with [illegible]. Gee visited Bishop in his apartment in Miami, and described it as a rather expensive set-up. [illegible] the apartment, Bishop called Charles, [illegible], Miami, gave him a report, and had a discussion. At the conclusion of the call Bishop appeared upset, and explained that he had been denied an expected pay-off. He confided to Gee that all information from [illegible] went to CIA. He said he was fed up with Cubans and felt like selling out.

10. Other members of the Masferrer group included Henry Proctor, --- Rios, and a man known as "[illegible]" otherwise identified. Julio Fernandez, Administrative Assistant to Masferrer, paid these three a total of [illegible] to [illegible] and beat up John [illegible] and his wife, in revenge for an article [illegible] had written for a Miami newspaper which displeased Masferrer. The [illegible] were hospitalized. In the Masferrer group there was also a - - - [illegible] (phonetic), blond, with a blond mustache, claimed to be a German and a Nazi sympathizer. [illegible] tried to organize a group that would be armed with torpedoes for the purpose of sinking Russian shipping en route to Cuba, in the vicinity of the Bahamas. Henry Proctor got drunk one night, and he and several others beat up [illegible], sending him to the hospital. Upon release from the hospital, [illegible] moved in with the [illegible], the family of the [illegible] executed in Cuba along with Carta and Thompson. Proctor, incidentally, claimed to have been a POW of the Communists in Korea, one of the famous 21 or so who refused repatriation in 1953.

11. Breakup of the Masferrer group occurred around early January 1961, when Masferrer was asked by the police to close up the barracks. The members of the group were told to go their several ways, but they were nearly all flat broke. Julio Fernandez took Gee to the home of Dr. Anselmo [illegible], ex-President of the Cuban Senate. While Gee waited outside in the car, Julio went into the house and returned shortly with a "wad" of money. He turned it over to Gee [illegible] to pay each of the men [illegible], constituting final pay-off and liquidation of the employment agreement. Gee was able to find [illegible] of the men, to each of whom he gave [illegible] [illegible] in a [illegible] which he still has in his possession. All of the men [illegible] their [illegible] to get to Cuba....

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[illegible] [illegible]. Six of them [illegible] left in a group before the payoff [illegible] stole a [illegible] at [illegible], and set sail for [illegible] hoping to reach a "[illegible]" there. The [illegible] navigation, apparently, [illegible] ended up instead [illegible] [illegible] after they were arrested and sentenced to 10 years each. Gee added [illegible] that [illegible] of the six was a [illegible]. Another small group of [illegible] stole a boat [illegible] with the [illegible] intention of [illegible] to Cuba. They were picked up by [illegible] Police before they got out of the harbor.

12. [illegible] Anti-Castro [illegible] Activity in the Miami area, according to Gee, [illegible] under the direction of [illegible] [illegible], of the [illegible] organization, whose residence is at S.W. 1st and 15th Ave., Miami. Gee says she [illegible], or makes, [illegible] and sees to their delivery on target.

13. [illegible]-[illegible] anti-Betancourt Plot: (Gee says that he gave the following [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] him in response to his phone call sometime early this year to [illegible] Office in Miami.) Sometime early this year. Gee is vague about the time. He met a man named Edward Davis who upon hearing that Gee was interested in returning to his family in Maracaibo, introduced him to one Luis Phillip Prato of [illegible] Collins Ave., Miami. Prato arranged an interview for [illegible] with a Colonel Casanova, who was introduced to him as the [illegible] of the anti-Betancourt movement in Miami. Casanova asked Gee and Davis if they could - on 30 days notice - organize and arm a group of 400 ex-G.I.'s. He assured Gee and Davis that unlimited cash would be at their disposal for the task. Casanova said all kinds of arms would be needed, including artillery and flame throwers. He was most interested in whether or not Gee and Davis had any channel for procuring the arms. They assured Casanova they could raise the 400 men and obtain the desired arms and equipment. Casanova said he had already arranged transportation for the force via commercial airline, that they would be flown to a mountain site "[illegible]" Caracas. Leaving the US disguised as tourists, and they would be given 30 days rigorous training under the direction of English-speaking Venezuelan army officers. Casanova explained that the tentative plan was for an attack by the 400 on Caracas, simultaneously with an Army revolt within the city and at other unspecified points. The attempted coup in early 1961, involving an attack on [illegible], resulted in the arrest of several army officers involved in the Casanova plot, and according to Prato, necessitated an indefinite delay. Prato told Gee, however that Perez-Jimenez was still interested in the plan, and that it would be carried out.

14. [illegible] with [illegible]: Through [illegible] Santiago, who lives with [illegible] [illegible], a relative of the ex-dictator. Gee met [illegible] [illegible], former owner of the hotel [illegible] in Miami. [illegible] told Gee that, if he were provided with one thousand dollars cash for expenses, he would go to Belgium and buy any kind of arms needed, and he could guarantee delivery to any part of the world. Another gun-runner with whom he [illegible] in contact was [illegible] Adams, 1010 [illegible] 9th Ave., Miami, telephone number [illegible]. Adams told Gee that he could obtain, for [illegible] each on minimum orders of one thousand, a weapon described as [illegible] (Fairchild), with NATO ammunition. A third arms dealer that Gee contacted was [illegible] Castle, [illegible] SW [illegible] St., Miami. Telephone [illegible]. He provided Gee with a list of surplus US arms which he could obtain in any quantities desired.

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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE: Cuban national, A 12 [illegible], age [illegible].

Former owner of a tourist concession at Havana Riviera Hotel for three years, source served a prison term at Isle of Pines for being anti-Castro. Released after [illegible] months on [illegible] Dec 62 with the 2506 Brigade prisoners. Source studied three years of law at Villanueva University in Havana. He speaks English fluently, appears to be very pro-US. One of a series of reports from this source.

[This report was developed by an Air Force representative assigned to the Office of collection.]

1. The following US citizens were in Circular [illegible], Isle of Pines Prison, as of 24 Dec 62:

a. Robert John Gentile, age [illegible], 6'2", 150 lbs. brown eyes and hair, divorced; home address: [illegible] Kelso Ave, Cleveland, Ohio. He was caught in the Copacabana Hotel, Miramar, Havana, in December 1960 for being a counterrevolutionary. He allegedly belonged to a secret anti-Castro movement. He was supposed to have helped in an uprising in the Escambray Mountains in early 1961. He is serving a 15-year prison term. He is in urgent need of medical care, has a stomach ulcer, and is losing weight daily. He has lost 70 lbs since he has been in prison. I saw him before I left. He is nothing but skin and bones.

b. Eustace Danbrunt, age [illegible], 6'0", 187 lbs, dark brown eyes and hair; married; home address: [illegible] Deerfield Blvd, Baltimore, Md. He was caught on north coast of Cuba because of counterrevolutionary activities in 1961 traveling in a yacht with seven or eight other Americans. He is serving a [illegible] to 20-year prison term. He has lost some weight but otherwise is doing fine. I saw him and talked to him before I left.

c. Peter Lambton, age [illegible], 5'10", 175 lbs, dirty blond hair, brown eyes; single; home address: Nassau, Bahamas. His father is an American residing in the Bahamas; his mother is English. He was an airplane pilot and water skiing and skindiving instructor in the Bahamas. He was caught in the Pinar del Rio Mountains, in the summer of 1959 fighting with a group of anti-Castro guerrillas. He is not a very intelligent boy and keeps to himself. Walks with a limp caused by an airplane accident.

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[illegible] he [illegible] very [illegible].

[illegible], 5'[illegible]", [illegible] lbs, [illegible] hair, brown [illegible]. [illegible] wife lives in Miami [illegible] [illegible] breaking up. They do not write to [illegible]. [illegible] the Peter Pan [illegible] operations and was caught [illegible]. He was going to be tried [illegible] the army [illegible] he escaped from there with another Cuban [illegible] at the St. [illegible] Hotel in Havana. He was [illegible] in the [illegible]. He is serving a [illegible]-year [illegible]. [illegible] holding guns [illegible] while he was [illegible] the prison. When he couldn't get up, they [illegible] him [illegible] his cell. [illegible] a lot of weight. [illegible] the prison administration [illegible] of the [illegible] that he [illegible].

2. [illegible], [illegible] years old, 5'[illegible]", [illegible] lbs, blond hair and blue eyes, [illegible] single. He is a civil pilot who taught in an aviation school in north Florida. Seems very well educated; speaks Spanish [illegible] well now. He was arrested in the summer of 19[illegible] for being connected with a conspiracy [illegible] Chester [illegible] Cayo to overthrow [illegible] (Tachito) Somoza in Nicaragua. Le Cayo was traveling by commercial aircraft (Pan Am) from the US on his way to Puerto Rico, stopped at Jose Marti International Airport, Havana, to pick up passengers, was taken out of the plane, arrested, and then to prison. Le Cayo was trying to recruit personnel in order to overthrow Somoza at the time. Bradley is serving a 15- to 20-year prison term. He was actually working for Le Cayo at the time of his arrest. Bradley was caught two or three days before Le Cayo, who is also in prison now. Le Cayo has no love for the US although he acts as if he loves the US.

3. Rafael [illegible] is a naturalized US citizen (Cuban parents), [illegible], 5'[illegible]", [illegible] lbs, [illegible] hair, dark brown eyes; home address: [illegible] Miami, Fla (telephone [illegible]). His wife's name is [illegible]. He landed in [illegible] in an aircraft he was flying by himself in order to pick up some Cubans to get them out of the country. One of the Cubans he was to pick up was a G-2 agent. His plane had landed, and he was waiting for the passengers when they started to shoot at him. He tried to take off, but he and the plane were badly shot up. He was nearly dead when he was taken from the burning aircraft. He was a member of the 26 July Movement and the right hand of Fidel Castro. He met Fidel in school, went with him to Bogota (Bogotazo) and [illegible], then later turned against Fidel and started to work against him. [illegible] was a Korean War veteran and was president of the Cuban Korean War Veterans Association in Havana. He is serving a 30-year prison term.

[illegible] Carswell, [illegible], 5'10", 190 lbs, black hair and blue eyes: [illegible]. He was arrested early in 1961 in a boat on the north coast of Cuba with Eustace Danbrunt mentioned above. He is serving a [illegible]-year term for counterrevolutionary activities. He was formerly manager of a bar in the US. I did not know him too well; he was sort of quiet and kept to himself. He is in fair health.

[illegible], [illegible], 5'[illegible]", 175 lbs, black hair, brown eyes; [illegible] home address: [illegible] Ave, Dothan, Ala, telephone [illegible]. He is in fair health, lost a lot of weight. He is serving a [illegible]-to [illegible]-year term for being a counterrevolutionary and was caught on the boat with Carswell and Danbrunt.

[illegible]. [illegible], [illegible], 6'1", 1[illegible] lbs, blond hair, blue eyes: [illegible] graduate; [illegible] Boston, Mass. He lost so much weight, he is nothing but skin and bones. Always [illegible] to himself and [illegible] of the Americans. He is allegedly a CIA agent who was caught with

another US citizen in the [illegible] or St Johns Hotel in Havana in 1961 placing a microphone and wire recorder in the wall between his apartment and that of a Chinese delegation. The engineer, I believe, was either [illegible] or Joe Green. He is also serving a 15-year term at Isle of Pines.

j. [illegible], [illegible], 5'9", 170 lbs, brown eyes, black hair; home address: Box [illegible], [illegible], Franklinville, North Carolina. He may be the engineer who was caught with [illegible] mentioned above. He also kept to himself. His health is fair. He is also serving a 15- to 20-year term.

k. Joe Green, 30-35, 5'8", 160 lbs, brown hair and eyes; home address unknown. He is very quiet, soft-spoken, well-educated, keeps to himself. He may have been the electrical engineer who was caught with [illegible]. He is also serving a long prison term.

l. Leonardo [illegible], 21 years old, 5'8", 150 lbs, dirty blond hair, blue eyes; high school graduate; home address unknown. He is very healthy, quiet, played chess all the time, stays with the US group. He was one of the seven caught in the yacht with the US citizens on the north coast of Cuba with Dubrunt. He is serving a 15- to 20-year prison term for counterrevolutionary activities.

m. Alfred Gibson, 30-35, 5'8", 160 lbs, fair health, Southern accent, fair education. Kept with the rest of the US citizens. I believe he was also caught in the same yacht with Dubrunt. He is also serving a long prison term.

n. Richard Allen [illegible], 30-35, 5'8", 150 lbs, dark brown hair, blue eyes; home address unknown. He is completely crazy, of irrational behavior, tried to escape in one of the big trash cans. Has had several crazy fits. He has been in the hospital several times. Two prisoners who are psychiatrists have been trying to help him, but in vain. He urgently needs psychiatric help. He was allegedly caught in the Escambray Mountains and arrested for being a counterrevolutionary. He was caught in late 1960 or early 1961, is serving a 15-year term. Sometimes goes around all day talking to himself.

o. [illegible], 35-45, 5'9", [illegible] lbs, brown eyes and hair, naturalized US citizen (Cuban parents). Korean War veteran. His wife (Lucy) and two daughters are residing in Miami. He is in fair health, lost a lot of weight. He was arrested in Havana in 1961 for being a counterrevolutionary.

p. [illegible] (Lnu), 20-30, 5'9", 150 lbs, light-brown hair, blue eyes, Korean War veteran, a Southerner, high school education. He was also caught in the yacht with Dubrunt, who was allegedly working for Rolando [illegible]. He worked in a New York resort center before going to Cuba.

7. These are all the US citizens that I know about who are at the Isle of Pines Prison now.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

COUNTRY	Cuba	REPORT NO.	00-[illegible] 3,245,[illegible]
SUBJECT	Undesirables, Common Criminals and Suspected [illegible] Agents Among Asylees in the Ecuadorian Embassy in Havana	DATE DISTR.	[illegible]
		NO. PAGES	2
		REFERENCES	[illegible] A-12-856-761 [illegible]
DATE OF INFO.	Aug 61 - Sep 62		
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	[illegible]		

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE: Cuban national, A 12 856 761, who arrived in the US on 16 Sep 62 as a political refugee.

Source is a Cuban of Ecuadorian extraction and was employed as a clerk by the Ecuadorian Embassy until September 1962.

[This report was developed by an Army representative assigned to the office of preparation.]

1. The majority of the Cuban asylees in the Ecuadorian Embassy were bonafide victims of the Communist regime. However, during the time I served as secretary of the Embassy I observed that some men and women of unsavory reputation entered the Embassy as political refugees. The following are those whom I consider to be undesirable: Manuel Roche, organizer of the G-2 activities in the Isle of Pines and who executed many opponents of the regime, entered the Embassy to avoid being arrested for black market activities and embezzlement of public funds. Roche is an accomplished bully and terrorized the rest of the asylees with his reckless display of weapons he brought into the Embassy. As far as I know he is still in the Embassy.

2. Juan Garcia [illegible], a hired killer who was one of the most notorious members of the gang known as "Los Tigres" led by former Senator Rolando Masferrer. Evaristo Garcia [illegible], a professional gambler, who organized gambling within the [illegible] [illegible] Evaristo Garcia, Jr. Garcia and his son are in Miami. [illegible] del [illegible], a notorious prostitute who was in Andres [illegible] [illegible] and her [illegible] [illegible]. Both two females have been in Miami for [illegible].

3. Among the suspected G-2 agents were: [illegible] [illegible], an [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] who [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible], Miami, Florida. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] member of the Communist Party who is presently in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible], former member of the [illegible] [illegible] also in [illegible], Ecuador. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] agent who is a refugee in Miami, Florida. Juan [illegible] also a Communist [illegible] [illegible] in Miami. Captain [illegible] [illegible], former Fidel Castro bodyguard who entered the Embassy because of his participation in the automobile [illegible]. Jesus [illegible], [illegible] anti-[illegible], who was involved with a ring of [illegible] counterfeiters. He is also a [illegible] pilot.

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[illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible]. Arturo [illegible], a member of a wealthy family from Santiago de Cuba, served as prosecuting attorney during the early days of the Revolution and sent many Cubans to the firing squad. This man and his family are residing in Miami. [illegible] [illegible], a mentally unbalanced female who kept the G-2 informed concerning the asylees' activities.

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FORM 3066

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

00143,3,2.5,72[illegible]

TO : Chief, Contact Division
ATTN : Support Branch

DATE: [illegible] 1963

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FROM : Chief, Miami Field Office

SUBJECT: Plan to Unite the Cuban Exiles

1. At their request, Luis C. Rodriguez met with Dr. [illegible] Rafael Sardinas, secretary of the Cuban Cane Planters Association in Exile and with Juan Amador [illegible], former Cuban Senator and editor of the Spanish language radio newspaper "El Periodico del Aire" [illegible] advised that they have been meeting with several personalities of the exile colony in an effort to organize all the exiles into a single group which will represent all the exiles regardless of former affiliations.

2. They feel that after the sorry spectacle provided by the Cuban Revolutionary Council, they must avoid getting involved in matters which are in conflict with the policies of the US Government. Therefore, they would like to discuss this project with Mr. John Crimmins.

3. The following personalities have been approached and have indicated their desire to cooperate to the fullest extent in an effort to unite all the Cubans in exile: Antonio Manuel de Varona, Dr. Julio [illegible], Dr. Carlos Prio, Dr. Carlos [illegible] Sterling, Carlos [illegible], Jose Ignacio [illegible], Jose Alvarez Diaz, [illegible], [illegible] Sanchez Arango, Luis Conte Aguero, Manuel Artime, [illegible], Tarsicio [illegible], Orlando Cuervo Galano, Jose Ignacio [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Porcell [illegible], Gustavo [illegible] Rubio, Lomberto Diaz, Santiago Alvarez, Ruben de Leon. Also included in this roster are General Generoso Campos Marquetti, veteran of the War of Independence, and Facundo [illegible], leader of the Transportation Workers, because both are Negroes.

4. Representatives of the Medical Association, Bar Association, Teacher and Newspaper Associations and the Students Directory have also been contacted and indicated their desire to assist in this endeavor.

5. Amador and Sardinas stated that former President Prio indicated that former members of the Castro regime who are exiled in the US should also be invited to join because their presence in the organization will indicate to the people of Cuba that the aim of the organization is not the return to certain conditions that prevailed before 1 Jan 59. Dr. Prio maintains that with former Fidelistas joining the organization the members of the Rebel Army and the militia plus the government bureaucracy will not fear reprisals if and when the Castro regime is ousted. Dr. Prio added that with names such as Felipe Pazos, [illegible] Vasquez, Raul Chibas and even controversial Manolo Ray, the chances of defection by members of the Armed Forces will increase.

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6. The organization will also invite to join many prominent Cubans who served under the Batista Administration and who were given a clean bill of health after the Revolution. However, such notorious criminals like Colonels Esteban [illegible], Conrado [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Irenaldo Garcia Baez and others, will not be admitted. [illegible] [illegible] and his group will not be invited because they are considered to be agent provocateurs.

7. If this works out, the new organization will be ruled by a five man board selected by a general assembly of all the above mentioned personalities. The chairmanship of the board will be rotated periodically.

JUSTIN F. GLEICHAUF

LCRodriguez:cs

cc: SAS, Miami

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Chief, Washington Field Office — 12 July 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS)

A-168346 A-168762

Rolando Masferrer (Jr.), Military Armament Corporation, Powder Springs, Georgia

REF : Van Happer/Musulin telecons

A-127900

1. Attached per referent telephone conversations is copy of Dun and Bradstreet report as requested on Military Armament Corporation, headquartered in Powder Springs, Georgia. Please note that Chairman of the Board, is Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III. Werbell is a former Office of Strategic Services (OSS) officer known to this writer during assignments in China during WWII.

2. This Agency, as well as other government agencies, have considerable information on Werbell. He is an old and unsavory, unsolicited, contact of the Miami Field Office dating from 1959. He is of dubious character and reputation who had and has been involved in grandoise schemes and international arms deals. He has ~~had~~ perpetual financial difficulties.

3. Werbell was involved with Roland Masferrer, Senior, in connection with the abortive Haitian invasion in 1967. This may throw a different light on possible source development of young Rolando Jr. Any approach to him should be executed with some degree of caution. We do not desire to get involved with Werbell. However, we cannot foresee any objection to planned debriefings of Masferrer Jr., following his trips to Latin America and other areas, in pursuit of FPI and possible information of operational significance.

4. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please advise.

JAMES R. MURPHY

Attachment
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cc: Services Division (Control)
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7 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

A-168846

SUBJECT: Assessment of Recruitability - Rolando Masferrer, Jr.
Vice-President, Sales, Military Armament Corporation
and Associated with Defense Systems Incorporated

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1. Subject seems to have inherited that particular Latin American penchant for involvement in covert political activities. However, the Subject's involvement is not merely pastime or recreation but it is instead intimately connected with his chosen profession as an arms salesman. Here the phrase "for fun and profit" seems aptly suited. He seems to be a man of action with the ability to exploit an opportunity, rather than a towering intellect.

2. Subject has excellent contacts and access in Latin America. This access developed from his extended family, professional appointments, and his involvement with Cuban exile groups. His family is well-known (infamous) throughout many sectors of Latin America and opens many doors for him (although it also closes others). It should also be mentioned that his family has recently developed a rather checkered association with this Agency. The particular nature of his military products gives him contact with high military, police, and security officials throughout Latin America. He seems to be well versed on the status of various arms deals (both official and under-the-table) in the countries he travels. He has been involved with several Cuban exile political and para-military organizations.

3. Politically, Subject is a staunch anti-Communist. This position is probably ingrained from his family, but also reinforced from his various political and professional activities. He has voiced a particular hatred for Cuban Communists. He seems to view them not as respected enemies, but as hated traitors. He is vehemently anti-Castro.

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4. Subject has developed what could be interpreted as a certain patriotism for this country. During conversations he referred a few times to "my country" meaning the U.S. I believe that the fact he volunteered for U.S. military training reflects not only the selfish motives of becoming Special Forces qualified but also a sense of duty. I also believe that his recent statements to me regarding international security matters is not merely empty loquacity but is evidence of his desire to contribute something and become involved in the national interest.

5. Subject would need sober briefings on the responsibility of any Agency association as well as subsequent careful handling. He would need to get away from the "Flagler Street Commando syndrome" of visual and verbal bravado. He would need instruction to discern rumor from fact, to identify sources, and to assess the reliability of acquired information.

6. I am sure that the Subject is recruitable. The question is what degree of association with the Agency would be appropriate. If the decision is made to approach the Subject, may I suggest that his association be initially limited to Agency briefings and debriefings before and after his trips to Latin America. Once his reliability is established and the accuracy of his reporting is proven then further utilization may be possible. Since his financial situation seems to be secure I am sure he could be handled on a non-pay basis.

7. Subject is scheduled to leave on a two-week business trip to Venezuela and Colombia beginning in early August 1972. He claimed to have appointments with a Venezuelan Air Force General and with Venezuelan national security officials in DISIP.

Jeffrey G. Peterson

16 June 1972

Chief, Washington Field Office

Director, Domestic Contact Service, OSS

Rolando Hasferrer, Jr. - Possible Source Lead

1. Attached for your information and whatever interest you may have in this source lead from WH/3/Venezuela (Jeffrey G. Peterson).

2. On the basis of the information submitted, Mr. Hasferrer, Jr., may be a useful source of FPI.

3. Suggest you arrange contact to obtain routine biographic data to initiate security checks; determine his intelligence potential and explain the DCS mission, without revealing in any way the past relationship with Mr. Peterson. Subject's personality profile appears to be very interesting.

4. It appears that the Clandestine Service is not ~~repeat not~~ interested in subject's operational potential at this time. We leave this in your capable hands to determine what course of action you may wish to contemplate in this matter.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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cc: Services Division (Control)

Filed: HH 23880

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12 June 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rolando MASFERRER, Jr.

1. Please be informed of a possible future contact--Rolando MASFERRER, Jr., recently promoted to Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Washington D.C. office, 905 L' Enfant Plaza, #4020. He is also associated with Parabellum Corporation, another military weapons firm. Subject, born approximately 1945, in Habana, Cuba, is believed to be a naturalized citizen.

2. Subject makes frequent sales trips to Latin America. Because of the nature of his main product(machine pistols with silencers) he has good access to top Latin American governmental officials and military and security officers. He has personally met many Latin American presidents. He should be a good source of information on the current status of arms sales in Latin America; internal security, military armament levels, order-of-battle, and internal politics in host countries; and, if needed, status of Cuban exile movement. He is presently on a sales mission to Colombia and is scheduled to return in mid-June.

3. MASFERRER, Jr. has been a Miami resident since 1959 and more recently lived in Atlanta. He will permanently locate in the Washington, D.C. area when he returns from his Colombian trip.

4. Subject is not to be confused with his father by the same name, the infamous Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER y Rojas(201-42669). Masferrer Sr. was a former Cuban Senator and leader of a dreaded private army of Batista enforcers called "Los Tigres(The Tigers)". He is presently serving in a U.S. federal prison for attempting to organize a 1967 invasion of Haiti in order to set up a base of operations against Cuba. Masferrer Sr., violently anti-Castro, was involved in numerous Cuban exile operations against Cuba during the last decade.

5. I was Subject's Commanding Officer in the Florida National Guard and sometimes saw him socially while in Miami. Although Cuban by birth, he now feels that he is an American. Politically anti-Communist,he joined the National Guard(while not under duress from the draft) to become a "Green Beret." He is polite and correct in his social relationships. I received a letter from him, 7 June 1972, informing me of his impending move to the Washington, D.C. area. He

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solicited my aid in finding a local army reserve unit.

6. If you are interested in exploring this possibility further, please feel free to contact me at any time. I could suggest cautions and method of contact or introduction. Subject is unwitting of my Agency employment.

Jeffrey G. Peterson

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Chief, Washington Field Office — 28 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS)

Rolando Masferrer Jr., Possible Source Lead

REFERENCES: A) Memorandum for the Record dated 12 June 1972; Same Subject
B) Van Kapper/Musulin telecon

1. In regard to referent telephone conversation of recent date, we asked Jeffrey G. Peterson (WH/3/Venezuela) for additional [illegible] information on Rolando Masferrer, Jr., Vice President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Headquartered in Georgia.

2. Jeffrey Peterson is a young "career trainee" who has been with the Agency for about six months. He met Masferrer in Miami, Florida, where both belonged to a Florida National Guard Unit. Peterson knows Masferrer socially as well having met frequently for "snacks and beer".

3. According to Peterson, based on his observations, subject is a personable, intelligent, individual who appears trustworthy, and of sound mind and judgment. He is a solid citizen completely assimilated in the American mainstream; intensely interested in the U.S. political processes. Politically, he is of moderate conservative persuasion. He is an astute businessman of demonstrated ability and integrity. To highlight this point, Peterson mentioned that Masferrer spurned lucrative cash offers for "under the table" deals to engage in illegal weapons trade in Latin America. He refused these offers to operate in legitimate business circles.

4. Young Rolando takes a sociable drink; has no known bad habits. He has a keen eye for attractive females, but no more so than all healthy males. Peterson said he would not hesitate to recommend subject for a position of trust and confidence.

5. Rolando Masferrer, Jr. served with the Green Berets, elite U.S. Army unit whose members require special security clearances by the military.

6. Peterson underlined his previous statement that Rolando should not be confused with his father, Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y Rojas, a former Cuban Senator who was leader of the notorious "Los Tigers", the dreaded army of enforcers under Batista.

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7. Peterson believed, and we are inclined to agree, that Rolando Jr., may be a good candidate for source development. He will be located at 905 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C., as the representative of Military Armaments Co. He will also represent Parabellum Corporation another military weapons firm.

8. Dun and Bradstreet reports were requested from New York and a copy will be forwarded when received.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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(Colombia/Venezuela/Guatemala)

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Rolando MASFERRER
6080 W. Flagler Avenue
Miami, Florida

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ORGANIZATION NO.

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Our local colleagues wish us to report on Yglesias and record these developments.

HEADQUARTERS COMMENTS

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WH/COG/OS 4D 46-7-040
Attn Chris Hopkins

Yglesias is certainly a fraud and should come to the attention of the FBI and police authorities. Masferrer should also be known to your office since we sent some background info on him to MM F.O. He is a slick operator. Be very cautious in your dealings with him.

C.O. MacVane:pew | F.O. CHIEF BENAINHARING | CASE OFFICER [signature] | DIVISION/STAFF/DESK [signature]

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1. On 26 June 1973 the Miami Field Office responded to a call on the listed line from a man who identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. Mr. Masferrer requested to meet with Matt MacVane of the Miami Field Office. Mr. Masferrer said that he had some information concerning one Guillermo Yglesias (subject of OOA(S) 322/17013-73) that would prove to be of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency. Rolando Masferrer lives at 6080 W. Flagler Avenue, Miami, Florida. As a result of his request Matt MacVane and Luis Desa-Soto of the Miami Field Office responded to the call and met with Rolando Masferrer that afternoon.

2. Mr. Masferrer related details of his relationship with one Guillermo Yglesias, age about 38, an individual on whom there are other Agency references. According to Masferrer, Yglesias approached him in late March 1973 and identified himself as working for the Central Intelligence Agency. Yglesias said that he was trying to raise a large sum of money to finance secret CIA operations. Yglesias said that CIA funds have been tied up as a result of the Watergate affair. He referred to these operations as black operations. Mr. Masferrer said that he knew several high ranking government officials in Colombia, Venezuela, and Guatemala. Masferrer contacted several of these friends in South America and asked them to aid the Central Intelligence Agency in raising funds for secret operations in South America and the Caribbean. Masferrer has contacted Manuel Vega, a retired Colombian army colonel and presently head of the Colombian Internal Police. He has also contacted one Alvaro Vargas, who is an advisor in armaments to the Colombian National Police. Masferrer also passed Yglesias the name of Carlos Fabri, head of the Venezuela Internal Police. Yglesias showed a great interest in small arms of all types. Masferrer said that he personally turned over five M-26 fragmentation hand grenades, one M-16 automatic rifle, one AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, and several handguns 38 caliber type. Masferrer was led to believe that the weapons would be used in a secret CIA operation in Puerto Rico. This operation was described by Iglesias as a black operation.

3. During our conversation with Masferrer, he raised an additional point. Masferrer said that he contacted Manuel Vega in Colombia and that Vega agreed to help all that he could. Vega expressed deep concern to

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Masferrer because, according to him, any time the US Embassy people in Bogota were passed information the Colombian guerrillas were somehow informed. Vega told Masferrer that he believed a leak had developed in the US Embassy and that the "Embassy boys" could no longer be trusted.

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Possible False Recruitment Effort

(Cuba/Haiti)

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Rolando Masferrer
c/o Daniel Bermudez
6080 W. Flagler, Apt 17
Miami, Florida

INDIVIDUAL NO.

ORGANIZATION NO.

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Believe your caller was Rolando Masferrer Jr. who is the nephew of the infamous Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y Rojas, serving in a U.S. federal [illegible] for organizing (1967) invasion of Haiti. Young Rolando was associated w/ Mitchell L. [illegible] III, ? son of Rolando (Those all are) We will send you some background.

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Our local colleagues have asked us to report this brief item in order to put it in the system.

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SUBJECT Possible False Recruitment Effort

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OPERATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

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1. At 1700 hours on 14 May 1973 the Miami Field Office received a telephone call on the listed line from an individual who ultimately identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. It is believed that Masferrer is identical with former Cuban senator and Batista associate Rolando Masferrer Rojas who is of dubious reputation and is well known for several nefarious actions in Haiti, Guatemala and perhaps elsewhere. Rolando Masferrer was convicted of conspiracy to invade Haiti in 1967. It is believed that there are extensive Agency files on Rolando Masferrer.

2. Masferrer was very reluctant to provide details, but finally said he could be reached at local telephone 261-3689. A separate check reveals this number to be registered to Daniel Bermudez, 6080 W. Flagler, Apartment #17.

3. In any event the listed line caller indicated that he had been approached by one Guillermo Iglesias and asked to engage in certain activities which he did not further describe. According to Masferrer, Iglesias carried credentials or other identifying material which seemed to link him with the U.S. Coast Guard in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Masferrer said, however, that Iglesias indicated also that he was in some way representing the Central Intelligence Agency. Masferrer then said that the purpose of the telephone call was to check on the bona fides of Guillermo Iglesias.

4. Masferrer was told that the name Guillermo Iglesias meant nothing to the Miami Field Office and was otherwise given a rather non-committal response.

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Chief, Washington Field Office 12 July 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS)

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Rolando Masferrer Jr., Military Armament Corporation, Powder Springs, Georgia

REF : Van Hepper/Musulin telecons

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1. Attached per referent telephone conversations is copy of Dun and Bradstreet report as requested on Military Armament Corporation, headquartered in Powder Springs, Georgia. Please note that Chairman of the Board, is Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III. Werbell is a former Office of Strategic Services (OSS) officer known to this writer during assignments in China during WWII.

2. This Agency, as well as other government agencies, have considerable information on Werbell. He is an old and unsavory, unsolicited, contact of the Miami Field Office dating from 1959. He is of dubious character and reputation who had and has been involved in grandoise schemes and international arms deals. He has had perpetual financial difficulties.

3. Werbell was involved with Roland Masferrer, Senior, in connection with the abortive Haitian invasion in 1967. This may throw a different light on possible source development of young Rolando Jr. Any approach to him should be executed with some degree of caution. We do not desire to get involved with Werbell. However, we cannot foresee any objection to planned debriefings of Masferrer Jr., following his trips to Latin America and other areas, in pursuit of FPI and possible information of operational significance.

4. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please advise.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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Chief, Washington Field Office 16 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service, OSS

Rolando Masferrer, Jr. - Possible Source Lead

1. Attached for your information and whatever interest you may have in this source lead from WH/3/Venezuela, (Jeffrey G. Peterson).

2. On the basis of the information submitted, Mr. Masferrer, Jr., may be a useful source of FPI.

3. Suggest you arrange contact to obtain routine biographic data to initiate security checks; determine his intelligence potential and explain the DCS mission, without revealing in any way the past relationship with Mr. Peterson. Subject's personality profile appears to be very interesting.

4. It appears that the Clandestine Service is not repeat not interested in subject's operational potential at this time. We leave this in your capable hands to determine what course of action you may wish to contemplate in this matter.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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Chief, Washington Field Office 28 June 1972

Director, Domestic Contact Service (OSS) B-67-52

Rolando Masferrer Jr., Possible Source Lead #168846

REFERENCES: A) Memorandum for the Record dated 12 June 1972; Same Subject
B) Van Epper/Musulin telecon

1. In regard to referent telephone conversation of recent date, we asked Jeffrey C. Peterson (OT/2/Venezuela) for additional assessment information on Rolando Masferrer, Jr., Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Headquartered in Georgia.

2. Jeffrey Peterson is a young "career trainee" who has been with the Agency for about six months. He met Masferrer in Miami, Florida, where both belonged to a Florida National Guard Unit. Peterson knows Masferrer socially as well having met frequently for "snacks and beer". 168762

3. According to Peterson, based on his observations, subject is a personable, intelligent, individual who appears trustworthy, and of sound mind and judgment. He is a solid citizen completely assimilated in the American mainstream; intensely interested in the U.S. political processes. Politically, he is of moderate conservative persuasion. He is an astute businessman of demonstrated ability and integrity. To highlight this point, Peterson mentioned that Masferrer spurned lucrative cash offers for "under the table" deals to engage in illegal weapons trade in Latin America. He refused these offers to operate in legitimate business circles.

4. Young Rolando takes a sociable drink; has no known bad habits. He has a keen eye for attractive females, but no more so than all healthy males. Peterson said he would not hesitate to recommend subject for a position of trust and confidence.

5. Rolando Masferrer, Jr. served with the Green Berets, elite U.S. Army unit whose members require special security clearances by the military.

6. Peterson underlined his previous statement that Rolando should not be confused with his father, Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y Rojas, a former Cuban Senator who was leader of the notorious "Los Tigres", the dreaded army of enforcers under Batista.

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7. Peterson believed, and we are inclined to agree, that Rolando Jr., may be a good candidate for source development. He will be located at 905 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C., as the representative of Military Armaments Co. He will also represent Parabellum Corporation another military weapons firm.

8. Dun and Bradstreet reports were requested from New York and a copy will be forwarded when received.

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6 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rolando Masferrer, Jr.

1. On Monday, 3 July 1972, from 2100 to 2400 hours at Clyde's Bar, Washington, D.C.; and Tuesday, 4 July 1972, from 1300 to 1600 hours, poolside, 7625 Matera St., Apt. 201, Falls Church, Virginia, the undersigned talked with Rolando Masferrer, Jr.

2. I mentioned to Masferrer that my superiors (supposedly in the State Department) were interested that some responsible U.S. Government authority be informed of his story regarding U.S. citizen involvement in drug trafficking and guerrilla training in Mexico. Masferrer said that last February he told the story up to that date to Miami, F.B.I. Agent Bob Dyer, and also certain information to U.S. Customs Bureau Agent Buchanan (fnu). Masferrer said he had not informed any government entities of events subsequent to February. I mentioned that such information was not necessarily within the unique purview of the State Department, but that my superiors would probably be interested in anything further.

3. Rolando Masferrer, Jr., related to me four different occasions when an insurgent organization, "Force Seven", comprised of American adventurers in Mexico, was brought to his attention.

4. The first time the Subject heard of "Force Seven" was from Francisco BRAVO (or Brabo) [NFI], Chief of Judicial Police, State of Morelos. Subject had met Bravo "a few years ago". They met again in Atlanta, Georgia, late December 1971, when Bravo came for a weapons demonstration at the Military Armament Corp, Powder Springs, Georgia, some 20 miles outside Atlanta. Bravo told Masferrer of the insurgency problem in the Mexican states of Morelos and Guerrero. Bravo mentioned the existence of "Force Seven". Bravo indicated his police

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needed weapons to fight the insurgents and subsequently invited Masferrer and Anselmo Alliegro [son of a former Cuban Senator, naturalized citizen, and Masferrer's partner in Parabellum Corporation] to come to Mexico. Bravo promised to introduce Masferrer and Alliegro to Mexican police authorities competent to purchase firearms.

5. Subject again heard the name "Force Seven" in Miami, January 1972, from Oliverio CASTANEDA Paiz, former First Vice-President of the Guatemalan Congress. [Castaneda was head of the Guatemalan civilian counter-insurgency forces in the Zacapa region during 1967-68, and, according to Masferrer, the chief of the Mano Blanco. Castaneda was killed 12 June 1972. The Guatemalan insurgent group, F.A.R., "took credit" for the killing.] Castaneda was travelling to the U.S. with Messers. Sandoval and Figaroa. [Probably Mario SANDOVAL Alarcon, President of the Guatemalan Congress and head of the M.L.N. party; and Alvaro CUEVAS Figaroa, Castaneda's predecessor as First Vice-President of Congress. Several TDCS reports during January and February 1972 indicated Cuevas Figaroa was trying to smuggle arms from the U.S. to Guatemala supposedly for a planned coup in Costa Rica] Masferrer said Castaneda was trying to arrange the release from U.S. federal prison Rolando Masferrer, Sr. Castaneda wanted Masferrer, Sr., to emigrate to Guatemala to become involved in state security matters and also to organize an anti-Communist army. Castaneda mentioned to Masferrer, Jr., the growing insurgency problems in the Peten area of Guatemala. Castaneda mentioned that U.S. insurgents operating under the name "Force Seven" entered the Peten from Mexico. The Guatemalan Army's Mariscal Zavala Brigade had been dispatched from Guatemala City to the Mexican border in Peten province to counter the infiltration, but had recently been shifted to the border adjacent British Honduras. Masferrer said Castaneda believed that former U.S. "Green Berets" were involved with the insurgents. Castaneda said that a list of all U.S. Special Forces-trained Guatemalans had disappeared when the U.S. military training mission was terminated. Now the guerrillas in Guatemala are pinpointing those U.S. trained, local military personnel with uncanny accuracy. From that evidence, Castaneda believed that "Force Seven" must include some of the U.S. "Green Berets" that had originally trained the local Guatemalan military.

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6. During the first three months of 1972, Subject made two trips to Mexico. During his first trip, three weeks in late January and February, Masferrer travelled with Alliegro and Mitchell Werbell (Mitchell Livingston Werbell III, 201-259910, former OSS member in C-B-I in World War II; former President of Military Armament Corporation; and presently associated with Defense Systems Incorporated, Powder Springs, Georgia.) In Mexico City, Francisco Bravo introduced the delegation to Mexico City Police Chief Santos [Daniel GUTIERREZ Santos] and Miguel NAZAR Haro, "Chief of Political Police". [Actually Deputy Director of the Federal Security Service, DFS, a political and intelligence organization working within the Secretariat of Government.] During conversations Nazar admitted Mexico's insurgency problems and specifically named "Force Seven". Masferrer mentioned that both Nazar and Gutierrez Santos were angry with President Echeverria because of the Mexican Government's policy of light criminal punishment and short prison terms for bandits and/or guerrillas painstakingly captured by the police.

7. Bravo took the three to Cuernavaca where he showed them a house on the outskirts of the city that the police used for unofficial detentions and heavy-handed interrogations. Bravo complained that the local Catholic Archbishop was implicated with the insurgents as well as certain U.S. film personalities who vacation in the American community in Cuernavaca. Bravo also implicated a professor that was kidnapped in Guerrero in late 1971. Bravo believed that the professor [Jaime CASTREJON Diez, Rector of the University of Guerrero] actually conspired with the insurgents for his own kidnapping in order to raise the ransom money for the insurgent movement. [The ransom was finally paid by President Echeverria.]

8. Subject travelled again to Mexico in March 1972 with Bernardo DE TORRES. [Mexico 2038, 4 December 1969, mentions that LITEMPO-12, WH/MIAMI, received a phone call from one Bernardo De Torres regarding a supposed Swiss contraband arms dealer in Mexico City.] Nazar had invited Masferrer to return to Mexico to go on a "hunting party", that is, to participate in an actual counter-insurgency operation. Masferrer and De Torres arrived in Acapulco and were met by Bravo. They travelled by police vehicle for about an hour east of Acapulco to an area near La Treintas (NFI).

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Just before they arrived they heard on the police radio that the Army had just "shot down" a twin-engine Beechcraft. When they arrived, a search of the wreckage yielded a few weapons. A short firefight (about 15 minutes) ensued with insurgents that left two soldiers dead. Masferrer said he did not know the number of insurgent casualties. One insurgent was captured along with his .45 caliber pistol.

9. The captured insurgent turned out to be a U.S. citizen, white, male, approximately 27 years old. (Masferrer claimed he forgot the prisoner's name, but that he had it in Miami.) Bravo did not trust the Acapulco or the Guerrero state police and had his men take the prisoner to the detention house outside of Cuernavaca. Masferrer said he witnessed the interrogation in which the prisoner's head was repeatedly dunked in a rain barrel to make him talk. The prisoner eventually revealed the following information about "Force Seven": participating Americans were ex-ranger, airborne, Marine or Special Forces types, many with Vietnam combat experience. They were armed with CAR-15 (M-16) rifles and some had M-79 grenade launchers. Other Americans operated elsewhere in Latin America. "Force Seven" provided training to the insurgents and, whenever possible, supplied weapons. In return, the Americans were paid in money and drugs, mostly marijuana, but some cocaine. Masferrer said no heroin was mentioned. The prisoner said the insurgents used the money from the drug smuggling to finance operations. Bank robberies had become increasingly difficult since the Army began posting armed guards at area banks. The prisoner said he had worked under Genaro VASQUEZ [Mexico's infamous bandit-turned-guerrilla; killed in a car accident last February]. The prisoner put guerrilla strength at about 1,000 men. Masferrer, however, said Bravo felt that figure to be high. The prisoner also mentioned that some of the insurgents had previously received guerrilla training in North Korea.

10. Masferrer said that later, upon Nazar's orders, the American prisoner was shot and killed. The whole affair was never reported in the local press because, according to Masferrer, such information, if revealed, would damage the area's tourist trade.

Jeffrey G. Peterson

12 June 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rolando MASFERRER, Jr.

1. Please be informed of a possible future contact--Rolando MASFERRER, Jr., recently promoted to Vice-President of Sales, Military Armament Corporation, Washington D.C. office, 905 L' Enfant Plaza, #4020. He is also associated with Parabellum Corporation, another military weapons firm. Subject, born approximately 1945, in Habana, Cuba, is believed to be a naturalized citizen.

2. Subject makes frequent sales trips to Latin America. Because of the nature of his main product(machine pistols with silencers) he has good access to top Latin American governmental officials and military and security officers. He has personally met many Latin American presidents. He should be a good source of information on the current status of arms sales in Latin America; internal security, military armament levels, order-of-battle, and internal politics in host countries; and, if needed, status of Cuban exile movement. He is presently on a sales mission to Colombia and is scheduled to return in mid-June.

3. MASFERRER, Jr. has been a Miami resident since 1959 and more recently lived in Atlanta. He will permanently locate in the Washington, D.C. area when he returns from his Colombian trip.

4. Subject is not to be confused with his father by the same name, the infamous Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER y Rojas(201-42669). Masferrer Sr. was a former Cuban Senator and leader of a dreaded private army of Batista enforcers called "Los Tigres(The Tigers)". He is presently serving in a U.S. federal prison for attempting to organize a 1967 invasion of Haiti in order to set up a base of operations against Cuba. Masferrer Sr., violently anti-Castro, was involved in numerous Cuban exile operations against Cuba during the last decade.

5. I was Subject's Commanding Officer in the Florida National Guard and sometimes saw him socially while in Miami. Although Cuban by birth, he now feels that he is an American. Politically anti-Communist, he joined the National Guard(while not under duress from the draft) to become a "Green Beret." He is polite and correct in his social relationships. I received a letter from him, 7 June 1972, informing me of his impending move to the Washington, D.C. area. He

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solicited my aid in finding a local army reserve unit.

6. If you are interested in exploring this possibility further, please feel free to contact me at any time. I could suggest cautions and method of contact or introduction. Subject is unwitting of my Agency employment.

Jeffrey G. Peterson

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CC Washington
28 Jul 72

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7 July 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Assessment of Recruitability - Rolando Masferrer, Jr. Vice-President, Sales, Military Armament Corporation and Associated with Defense Systems Incorporated

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1. Subject seems to have inherited that particular Latin American penchant for involvement in covert political activities. However, the Subject's involvement is not merely pastime or recreation but it is instead intimately connected with his chosen profession as an arms salesman. Here the phrase "for fun and profit" seems aptly suited. He seems to be a man of action with the ability to exploit an opportunity, rather than a towering intellect.

2. Subject has excellent contacts and access in Latin America. This access developed from his extended family, professional appointments, and his involvement with Cuban exile groups. His family is well-known (infamous) throughout many sectors of Latin America and opens many doors for him (although it also closes others). It should also be mentioned that his family has recently developed a rather checkered association with this Agency. The particular nature of his military products gives him contact with high military, police, and security officials throughout Latin America. He seems to be well versed on the status of various arms deals (both official and under-the-table) in the countries he travels. He has been involved with several Cuban exile political and para-military organizations.

3. Politically, Subject is a staunch anti-Communist. This position is probably ingrained from his family, but also reinforced from his various political and professional activities. He has voiced a particular hatred for Cuban Communists. He seems to view them not as respected enemies, but as hated traitors. He is vehemently anti-Castro.

4. Subject has developed what could be interpreted as a certain patriotism for this country. During conversations he referred a few times to "my country" meaning the U.S. I believe that the fact he volunteered for U.S. military training reflects not only the selfish motives of becoming Special Forces qualified but also a sense of duty. I also believe that his recent statements to me regarding international security matters is not merely empty loquacity but is evidence of his desire to contribute something and become involved in the national interest.

5. Subject would need sober briefings on the responsibility of any Agency association as well as subsequent careful handling. He would need to get away from the "Flagler Street Commando syndrome" of visual and verbal bravado. He would need instruction to discern rumor from fact, to identify sources, and to assess the reliability of acquired information.

6. I am sure that the Subject is recruitable. The question is what degree of association with the Agency would be appropriate. If the decision is made to approach the Subject, may I suggest that his association be initially limited to Agency briefings and debriefings before and after his trips to Latin America. Once his reliability is established and the accuracy of his reporting is proven then further utilization may be possible. Since his financial situation seems to be secure I am sure he could be handled on a non-pay basis.

7. Subject is scheduled to leave on a two-week business trip to Venezuela and Colombia beginning in early August 1972. He claimed to have appointments with a Venezuelan Air Force General and with Venezuelan national security officials in DISIP.

Jeffrey G. Peterson

7 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Jeffrey G. Peterson's Conversation with Rolando Masferrer, Jr.

1. On Sunday, 2 July 1972, from 1800 to 2000 hours at the [illegible] Restaurant, Arlington, Va., I met with Rolando Masferrer, Jr. (Masferrer is unwitting of my Agency employment. My cover story is that I am a Program Officer with the State Department. I supposedly work in a research capacity for the American Republics Area until the time I can be programmed to enter the next Foreign Service Institute class.)

2. Masferrer and I, old National Guard comrades, had not seen one another for 5 months. We had dinner and later went on a tour of apartment sites in the District and northern Virginia. During the course of the conversation, he related the events of his trips to Mexico and his recent trip (June 1972) to Colombia in the course of his job as Vice-President, Sales, Military Armament Corp.

Mexico: Subject mentioned the trouble the Mexican Government is having with leftist guerrillas, particularly in two western states. He claimed the rebels were being trained in part by U.S. adventurers who claimed to be ex-ranger, airborne Marine or Special Forces types, many with Vietnam experience. The Americans were training the rebels in return for money and marijuana and a piece of the drug smuggling action. The Americans operated under the nom de guerre "Force Seven". This same "Force Seven" claimed to have connections and affiliations in Guatemala. Subject claimed even to have participated in a small firefight with the Mexican Army and the Judicial Police against the guerrillas in an effort to prove the worth of his particular military products.

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Colombia: Subject mentioned Colombia's increasing alarm with the problems of drug trafficking within the country. While in Colombia he claimed to have stayed in the house of his family friend MG Jaime [illegible] Pardo, Chief of Staff of the Colombian Army.

2. The entire conversation was kept on the level of buddies swapping war stories. Subject, however, swore to the veracity of his statements. I mentioned that the State Department was currently interested in the problems of drug trafficking in Latin America and maybe there would be some interest in pursuing the matter further. I also indicated I would ask my superiors at the State Department if they had ever heard anything about the existence of a "Force Seven" or anything on the curious [illegible] of U.S. [illegible], drug smuggling, and leftist guerrilla movements in Mexico.

3. On Monday, 3 July 1972, I coordinated with the following people at Headquarters:

Robert Drugger, Acting Desk Chief, Colombia
Richard Wheeler and John Murray, Branch 1, Mexico
Robert Weicha, C/WH/FI
Drake Reid, WH/NARC

Their collective suggestions and instructions were:

a. Go slow on efforts to elicit information so not to arouse suspicions of Agency involvement.

b. Find out any information regarding the Colombian Army's E-2 battalion, U.S. citizen's involvement in drug trafficking in Latin America (names, dates, and places), Cuban involvement in cocaine traffic, and any ties between leftist guerrillas and drug smuggling.

c. Write a memorandum and Subject evaluation (where he works, where he goes, who he meets, and an assessment of recruitability).

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4. I made arrangements to meet Mcforrer again the evening of 3 July 1972 and the afternoon of 4 July 1972.

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OSS-820-73
31 May 1973

Chief, Miami Field Office

Director, Domestic Contact Service (Support Division/OSS)

Rolando Masferrer

REF : OOA(S) 322/13864-73

ROLANDO MASFERRER

1. Attached for your information and background orientation is some material pertaining to Rolando Masferrer, who appears to be identical to subject of reference.

2. Subject should not be confused with his uncle by the same name, the infamous Rolando Masferrer y Rojas (erroneously reported as father of subject). The elder Masferrer was imprisoned in 1967 for organizing an unsuccessful invasion of Haiti. Young Masferrer may be engaged in dubious activity and contact with him should be viewed with cautious circumspection. He may be on a "fishing expedition" to obtain some information on Guillermo Iglesias; or he may be seeking to cement an affiliation with the Agency via the Miami Field Office. Masferrer may not be the good guy that the attached material represents him to be. He is known to be a wheeling and dealing fast dollar artist. Should he volunteer any information in the future, please note it, and send it to Headquarters. Of specific interest would be any information he may provide on narcotic trafficing and those involved in this illicit trade.

3. DDO has no interest in young Masferrer. If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

JAMES R. MURPHY

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cc: Services Division (Control)
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ACCESS SHEET FOR DOMESTIC CONTACT SERVICE COLLECTIONS

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Possible False Recruitment Effort

(Cuba/Haiti)

E. CONTACT (Name, Title, Organization, Address)

Rolando Masferrer
c/o Daniel Bermudez
6080 W. Flagler, Apt 17
Miami, Florida

F. SOURCE (Name, Title, Organization, Address)

Same

G. SUB-SOURCE (Name, Title, Organization, Address)

INDIVIDUAL NO.

ORGANIZATION NO.

H. METHOD OF COLLECTION

☐ INTERVIEW ☐ TRIP REPORT

☐ OTHER DOCUMENT ☒ OTHER (specify below) Call-in

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Believe your caller was Rolando Masferrer Jr. who is the nephew of the infamous Rolando Arcadio Masferrer y Rojas, now in a US federal prison for organizing (1967) invasion of Haiti. Young Rolando was associated with his uncle ... [illegible]

FIELD COMMENTS

Our local colleagues have asked us to report this brief item in order to put it in the system.

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DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE

REPORT NO. OO-A(S)-322/13864-73

DATE 25 May 1973

COUNTRY Cuba/Haiti

NO. PAGES 1

SUBJECT Possible False Recruitment Effort

REFERENCES

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

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1. At 1750 hours on 14 May 1973 the Miami Field Office received a telephone call on the listed line from an individual who ultimately identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. It is believed that Masferrer is identical with former Cuban senator and Batista associate Rolando Masferrer Rojas who is of dubious reputation and is well known for several nefarious actions in Haiti, Guatemala and perhaps elsewhere. Rolando Masferrer was convicted of conspiracy to invade Haiti in 1967. It is believed that there are extensive Agency files on Rolando Masferrer.

2. Masferrer was very reluctant to provide details, but finally said he could be reached at local telephone 251-3639. A separate check reveals this number to be registered to Frank Bermudes, 6950 N. Flagler, Apartment 917.

3. In any event the listed line caller indicated that he had been approached by one Guillermo Iglesias and asked to engage in certain activities which he did not further describe. According to Masferrer, Iglesias carried credentials or other identifying material which seemed to link him with the U.S. Coast Guard in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Masferrer said, however, that Iglesias indicated also that he was in some way representing the Central Intelligence Agency. Masferrer then said that the purpose of the telephone call was to check on the bona fides of Guillermo Iglesias.

4. Masferrer was told that the name Guillermo Iglesias meant nothing to the Miami Field Office and was otherwise given a rather non-committal response.

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D. SUBJECT AND AREA

Guillermo Yglesias/Efforts to Raise Money Under Alleged Agency Auspices

(Colombia/Venezuela/Guatemala)

E. CONTACT (Name, Title, Organization, Address)

Rolando MASFERRER
6030 W. Flagler Avenue
Miami, Florida

F. SOURCE (Name, Title, Organization, Address)

Same

SUBJECT: 1. SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED; 2. FOR GENERAL; 3. DATA SUPPLIED BY OTHER AGENCIES; 4. OTHER/MISC; 5. COMBINED WITH; 6. INSUFFICIENT INTEREST

AREA: 1 S O Y; 2 I N T; 3 D 55

H. METHOD OF COLLECTION

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- [ ] TRIP REPORT
- [ ] OTHER DOCUMENT
- [ ] OTHER (specify below)

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FIELD COMMENTS

Our local colleagues wish us to report on Yglesias and record these developments.

HEADQUARTERS COMMENTS

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ATTN. Chris Hogkins

Yglesias is certainly a fraud and should come to the attention of the FBI and police authorities. Masferrer should also be known to your office since we sent some background info on him to MM F.O. He is a slick grafter. Be very cautious in your dealings with him.

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COUNTRY Colombia/Venezuela/Guatemala NO. PAGES 2

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1. On 26 June 1973 the Miami Field Office responded to a call on the listed line from a man who identified himself as Rolando Masferrer. Mr. Masferrer requested to meet with [illegible] of the Miami Field Office. Mr. Masferrer said that he had some information concerning one Guillermo Iglesias [illegible] which would prove to be of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency. Rolando Masferrer lives at 6030 W. [illegible] Avenue, Miami, Florida. As a result of his request [illegible] of the Miami Field Office responded to the call and met with Rolando Masferrer that afternoon.

2. Mr. Masferrer related details of his relationship with one Guillermo Iglesias, age about 38, an individual on whom there are other Agency references. According to Masferrer, Iglesias approached him in late March 1973 and identified himself as working for the Central Intelligence Agency. Iglesias said that he was trying to raise a large sum of money to finance covert CIA operations. Iglesias said that CIA funds have been tied up as a result of the Watergate affair. He referred to these operations as black operations. Mr. Masferrer said that he knew several high ranking government officials in Colombia, Venezuela, and Guatemala. Masferrer contacted several of these friends in South America and asked them to aid the Central Intelligence Agency in raising funds for covert operations in South America and the Caribbean. Masferrer has contacted Manuel Vega, a retired Colombian army colonel and presently head of the Colombian National Police. He has also contacted one Alvaro [illegible], who is an advisor in [illegible] to the Colombian National Police. Masferrer also passed Iglesias the name of Carlos [illegible], head of the Venezuela National Police. Iglesias showed a great interest in small arms of all types. Masferrer said that he personally turned over [illegible] fragmentation hand grenades, one [illegible] automatic rifle, one AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, and several handguns 38 caliber type. Masferrer was led to believe that the weapons would be used in a covert CIA operation in Puerto Rico. This operation was described by Iglesias as a black operation.

3. During our conversation with Masferrer, he raised an additional point. Masferrer said that he contacted Manuel Vega in Colombia and that Vega agreed to help all that he could. Vega expressed deep concern to

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